

Blues

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WYCOMBE Wanderers' skipper Alan Phillips will miss tonight's (Tuesday) local derby against Slough Town at Hayes F.C.

Phillips damaged ankle ligaments in the last few minutes against Walton on Saturday, and is unlikely to play for a week.

The match is being staged at Church Road because Slough's new ground will not be finished until next month. The Rothmans Isthmian League were not prepared to allow the 'Rebels' to play all their early matches away from home, so the Hayes venue will be classified as a home match for Slough.

Phillips' injury means that Keith Mead is almost certain to return to his best centre back position with either Paul Griffiths coming in at right back or Terry Reardon moving from midfield to defence. If Reardon does drop back, Graham Mackenzie will slot into midfield.

There are still doubts about Tony Horseman's fitness but he came on as substitute on Saturday and notched the only goal of the game.

Wanderers have already beaten Slough at home this season, gaining an unimpressive 1-0 win at Loakes Park. But since then, the 'Rebels' have made one or two changes.

Two men who played in Wycombe's pre-season friendlies have both signed on recently. Richard Wilkes, the former Cheltenham striker made a big impression in his first match at Walton, scoring both goals in a 2-0 victory. Mick Chatterton is the other new signing and he too has been amongst the goals, scoring the equaliser in Saturday's 3-3 draw at Woking.

In Saturday's match, Slough played a 4-2-4 formation with Geoff Anthony and Wilkes dropping back to help out in midfield. The system brought three goals for both sides! The reason for the change was twofold. Barrie Davies, the club skipper, left the club after being relieved of his duties and Alan Davis was injured recently.

WANDERERS stage another friendly on Thursday when they take on Hellenic League, Premier Division club Hungerford at Loakes Park. At present fifth from the foot of the table, the match will be good practice for Town, who take on Bath City, the Southern Leaguers in the F.A. Cup next week. Entry for members will be free.